

# **Review-Based Domain Disentanglement without Duplicate Users or Contexts for Cross-Domain Recommendation**

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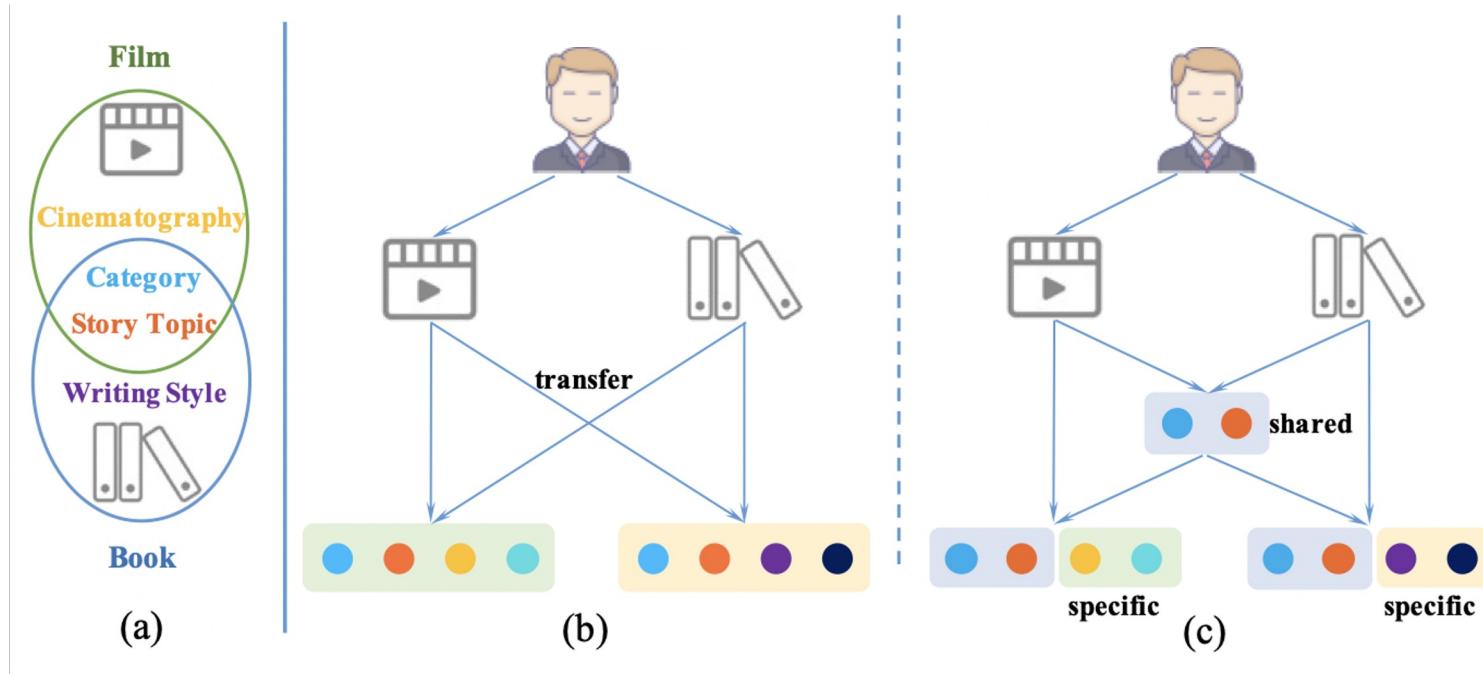
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# Cross-Domain Recommendation

- Using information from source domain to alleviate the cold-start problem in the target domain.



## Input:

- user  $u$
- Aggregated reviews for users :  $R_u$
- item  $i$
- Aggregated reviews for items :  $R_i$
- individual review  $r_{u,i}$

## Output:

- rating  $y_{u,i}$

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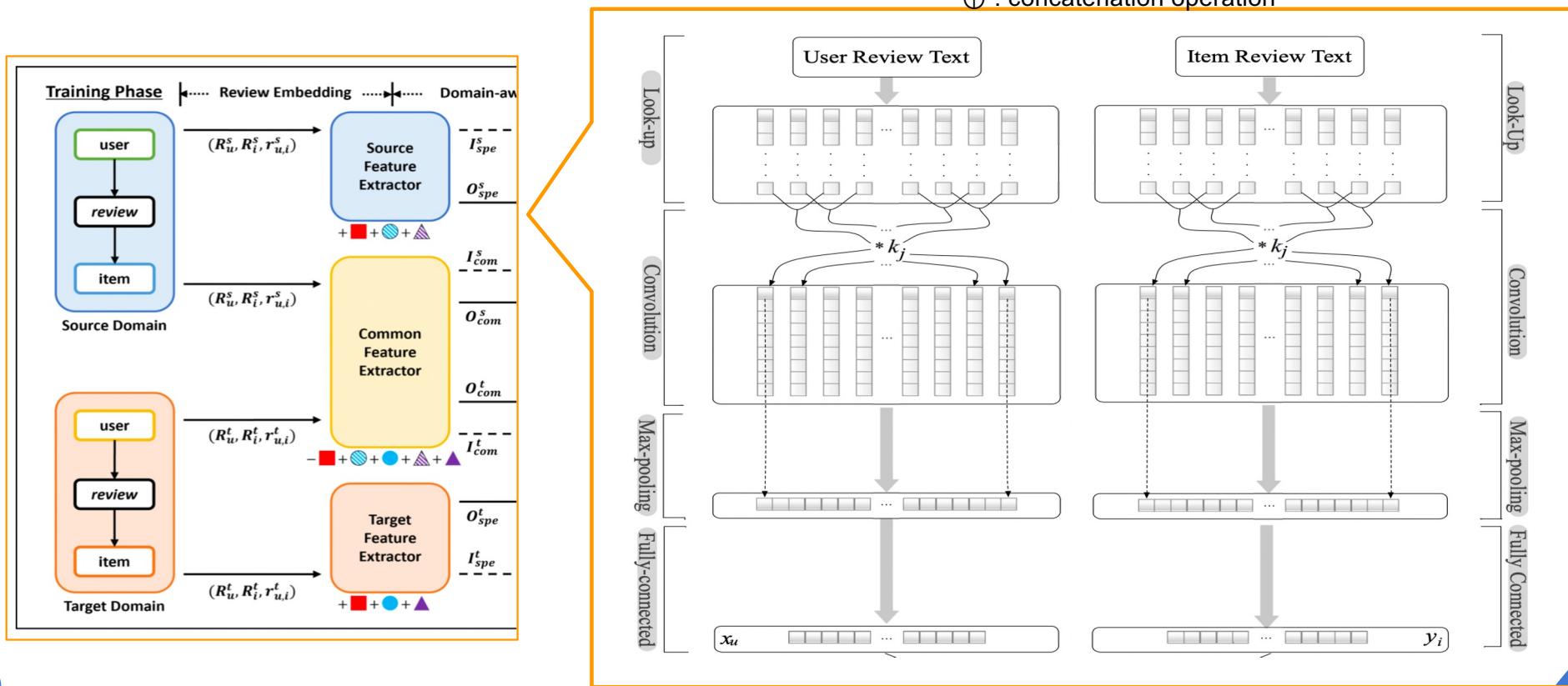
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# Review Embedding Layer

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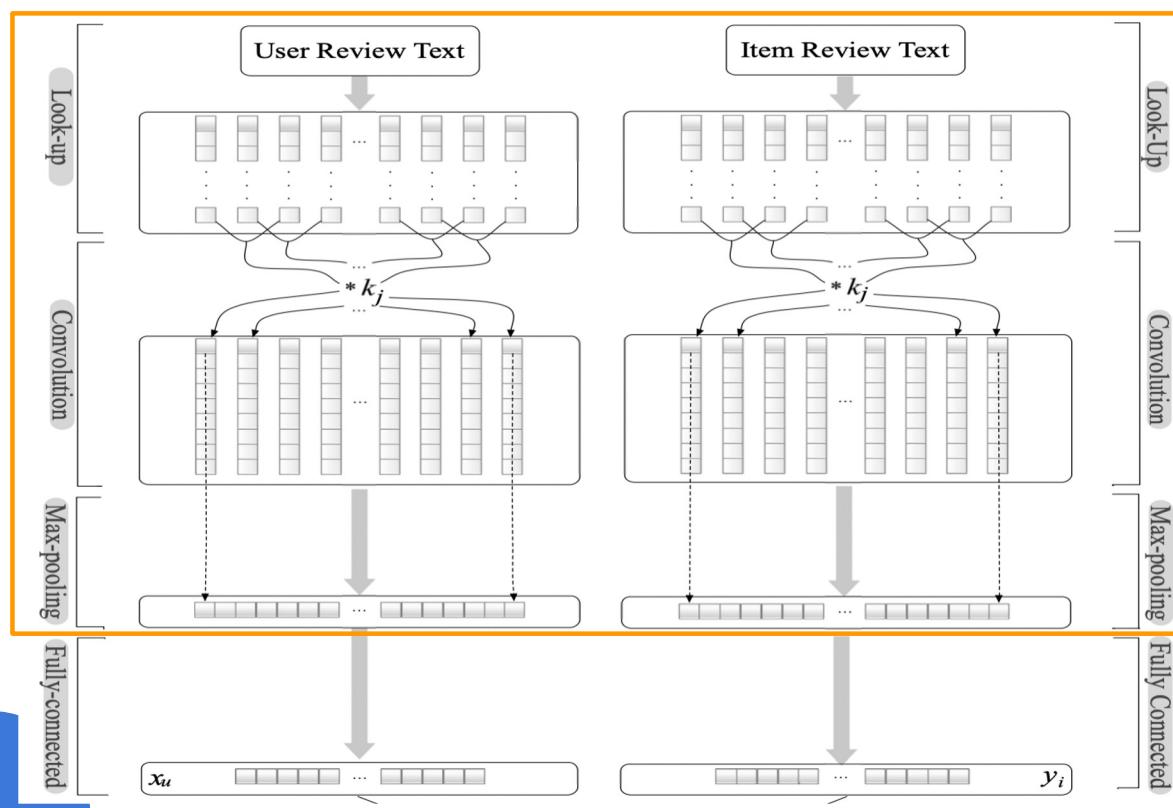
$\phi$  : embedding operation

$\oplus$  : concatenation operation

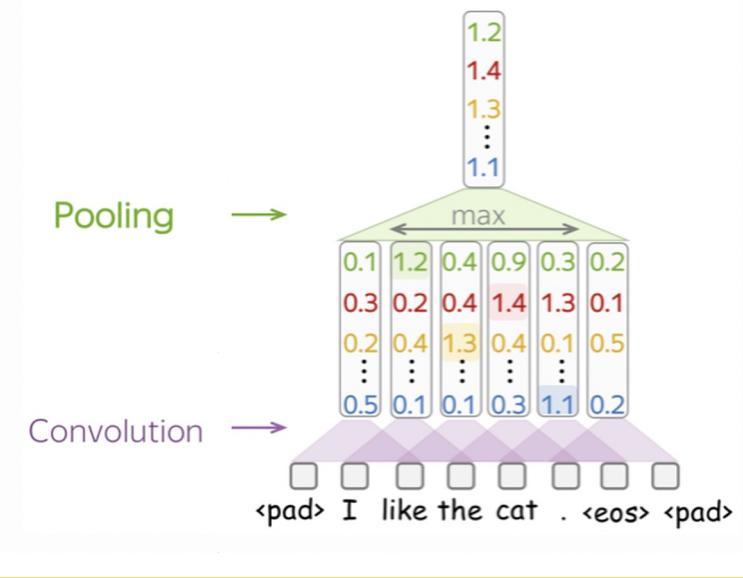


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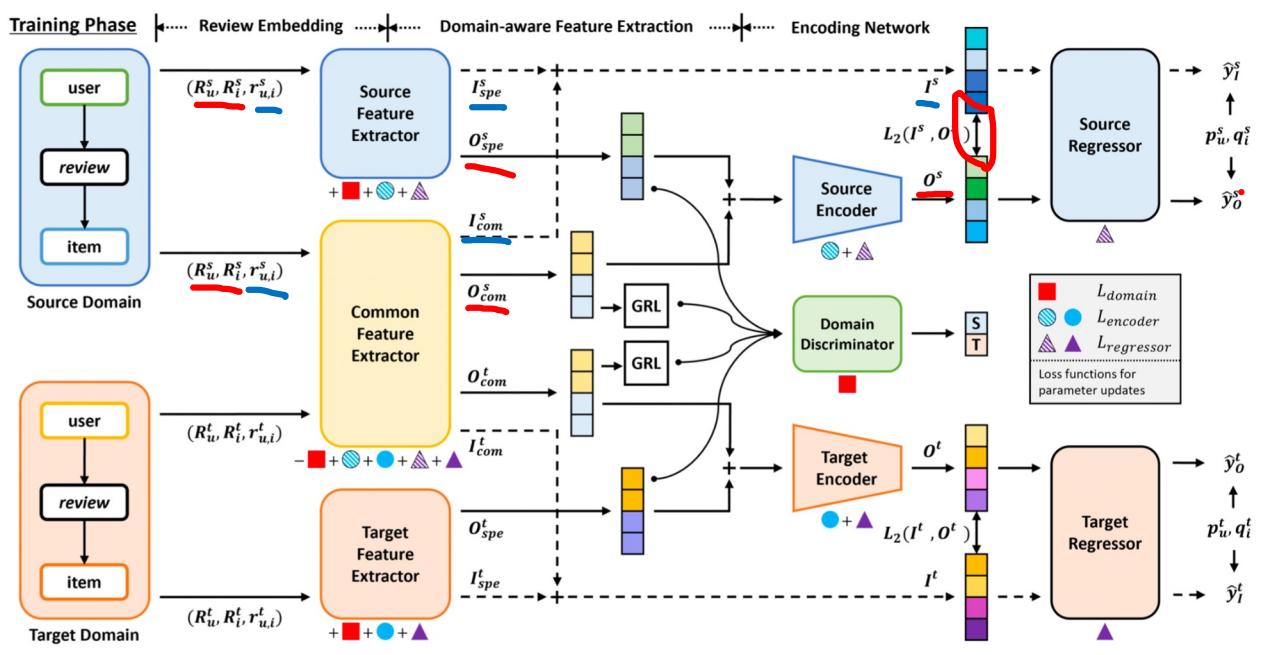
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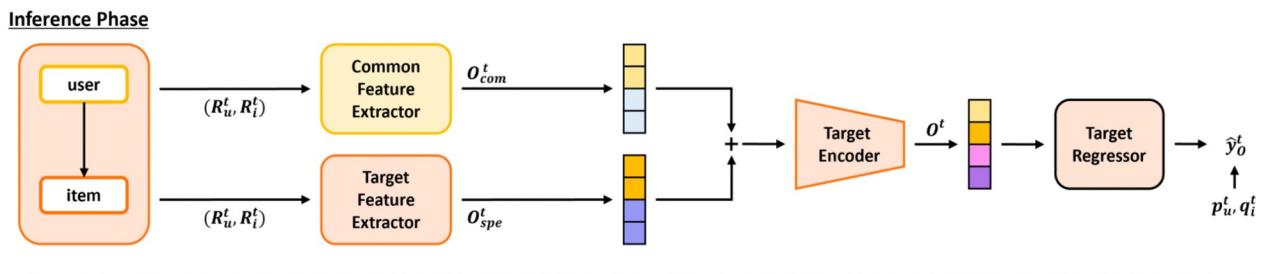
# Encoding Network



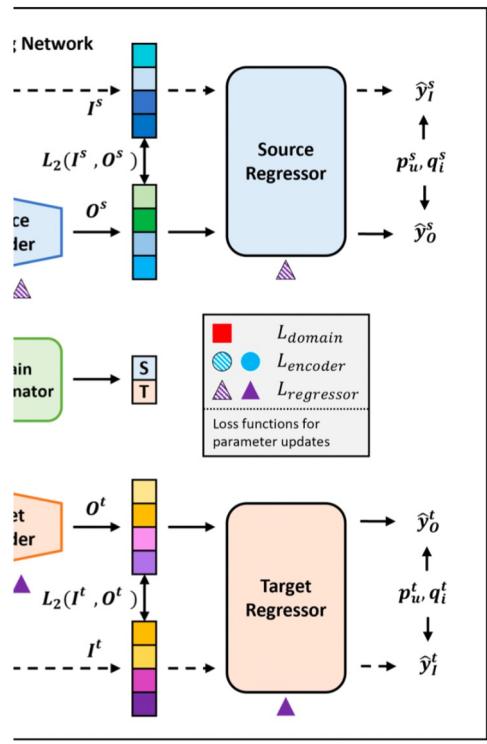
$$O = F_{enc}(O_{spe} + O_{com})$$

$$I = I_{spe} + I_{com}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{enc}^d = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{d=1}^{N_d} \|O^d - I^d\|_2^2.$$



# Regressor



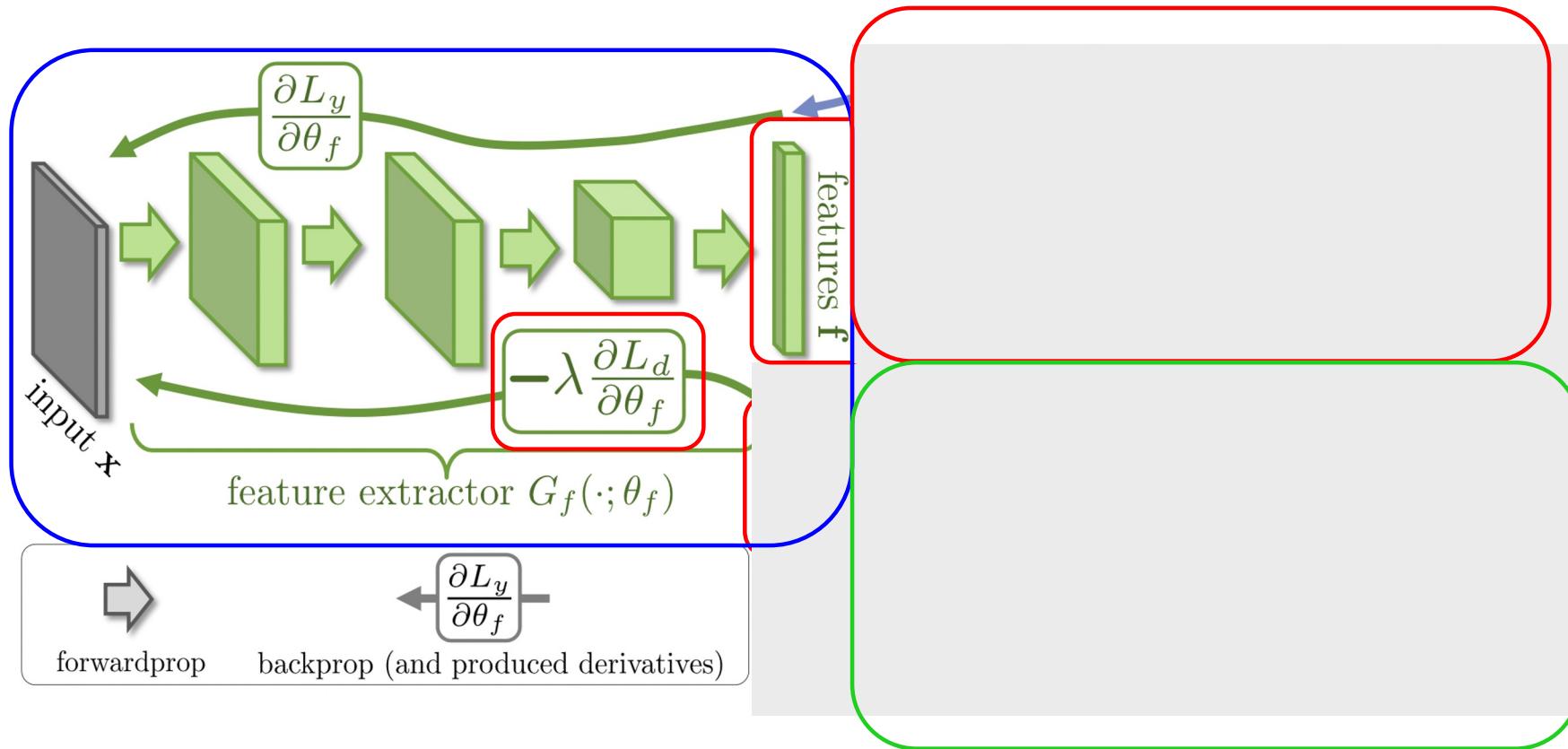
$$\hat{y}_I = F_{reg}(I) + p_u \cdot q_i^T, \quad \hat{y}_O = F_{reg}(O) + p_u \cdot q_i^T.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{reg}^d = \frac{1}{2N_d} \sum_{d=1}^{N_d} \left( (\hat{y}_I^d - y^d)^2 + (\hat{y}_O^d - y^d)^2 \right).$$

$p_u, q_i$ : embedding of user and item

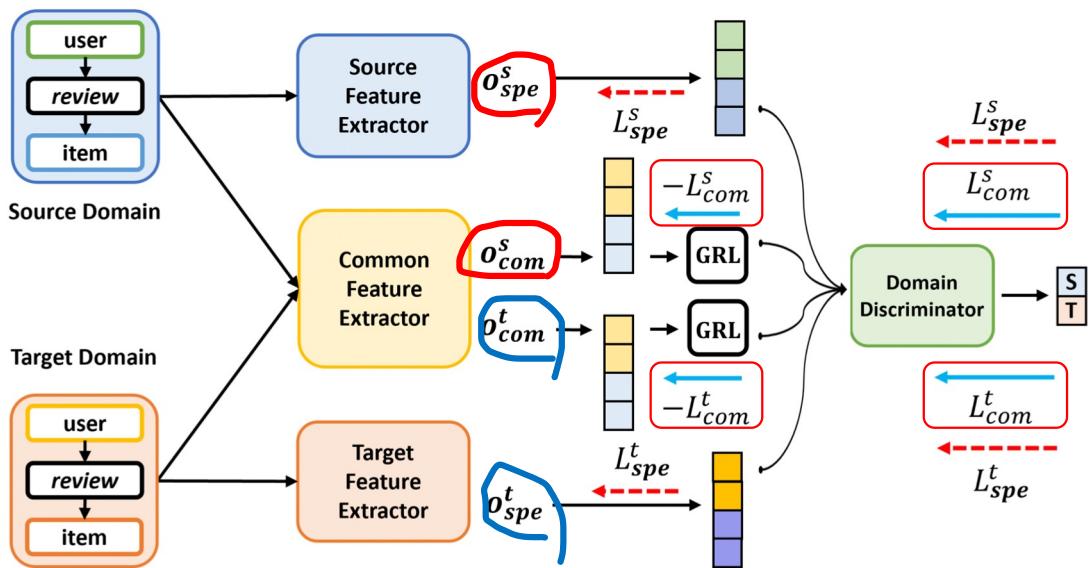
# Gradient Reversal Layer

Source domain



Target domain

# Domain-aware Feature Extraction



$$\widehat{d}_{spe}^s = F_{disc}(O_{spe}^s), \quad \widehat{d}_{spe}^t = F_{disc}(O_{spe}^t),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{spe}^s = -\frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} \log(1 - \widehat{d}_{spe}^s), \quad \mathcal{L}_{spe}^t = -\frac{1}{N_t} \sum_{t=1}^{N_t} \log(\widehat{d}_{spe}^t).$$

$$\widehat{d}_{com}^s = F_{disc}(O_{com}^s), \quad \widehat{d}_{com}^t = F_{disc}(O_{com}^t).$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{com}^s = -\frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} \log(1 - \widehat{d}_{com}^s), \quad \mathcal{L}_{com}^t = -\frac{1}{N_t} \sum_{t=1}^{N_t} \log(\widehat{d}_{com}^t).$$

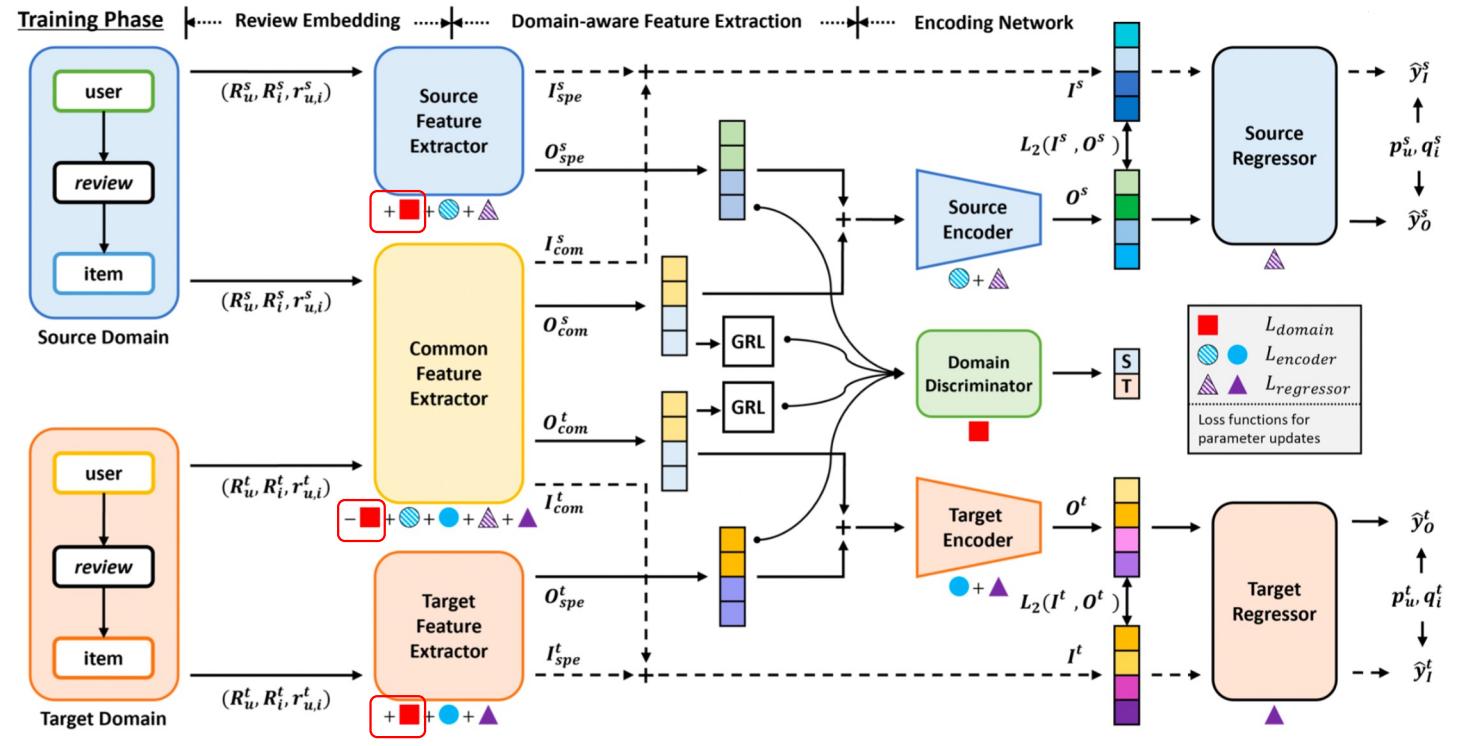
$$\mathcal{L}_{dom} = a(\mathcal{L}_{com}^s + \mathcal{L}_{spe}^s) + (1 - a)(\mathcal{L}_{com}^t + \mathcal{L}_{spe}^t).$$

$$a = \frac{N_s}{N_s + N_t}$$

# Loss function

$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L} = \alpha \mathcal{L}_{dom} + \beta (\mathcal{L}_{enc}^s + \mathcal{L}_{enc}^t) + \gamma (\mathcal{L}_{reg}^s + \mathcal{L}_{reg}^t) + \delta ||\theta||.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{dom} = a(\mathcal{L}_{com}^s + \mathcal{L}_{spe}^s) + (1 - a)(\mathcal{L}_{com}^t + \mathcal{L}_{spe}^t).$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{enc}^d = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{d=1}^{N_d} ||O^d - I^d||_2^2.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{reg}^d = \frac{1}{2N_d} \sum_{d=1}^{N_d} ((\hat{y}_I^d - y^d)^2 + (\hat{y}_O^d - y^d)^2).$$

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# Experiment

- **Dataset**

All from Amazon  
except Yelp

	Dataset	# users	# items	# reviews
Source	Baby	19,445	7,050	160,792
	Kindle Store (KS)	68,223	61,934	982,619
	Toys and Games (TG)	19,412	11,924	167,597
	Yelp	1.9 M	0.2 M	8.1 M
Target	Office Products	4,905	2,420	53,258
	Instant Video	5,130	1,685	37,126
	Automotive	2,928	1,835	20,473
	Patio Lawn and Garden	1,686	962	13,272

# Experiment

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- **Baselines**

- Single-domain
- Cross-domain

- **Evaluation**

- Mean Squared Error(MSE) ( $\downarrow$ )
- Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain(nDCG@5) ( $\uparrow$ )

$$nDCG_p = \frac{DCG_p}{IDCG_p}$$

$$DCG_p = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{2^{rel_i} - 1}{\log_2(i+1)} \quad IDCG_p = \sum_{i=1}^{|REL_p|} \frac{2^{rel_i} - 1}{\log_2(i+1)}$$

# Experiment

MSE(↓)

	Target domain	Office Product			Instant Video			Automotive			Patio Lawn and Garden						
	Source domain	Baby	KS	TG	Yelp	Baby	KS	TG	Yelp	Baby	KS	TG	Yelp	Baby	KS	TG	Yelp
Single-domain	PMF	1.085				1.129				1.162				1.177			
	NeuMF	0.974				1.014				1.087				1.143			
	DeepCoNN	0.902				0.949				0.979				1.128			
	NARRE	0.863				0.914				0.887				1.108			
	AHN	0.859				0.892				0.863				1.094			
Cross-domain	DANN	0.966	0.939	0.943	1.118	0.986	0.946	0.987	1.147	0.946	0.881	0.945	1.183	1.129	1.189	1.199	1.395
	DAREC	0.989	0.988	0.972	0.994	1.060	1.045	1.043	1.073	1.001	0.997	0.993	1.004	1.123	1.151	1.131	1.150
	DDTCDR	0.954	0.947	0.926	0.965	0.974	0.981	0.967	0.988	0.961	0.959	0.954	0.969	1.109	1.111	1.105	1.133
	RC-DFM	0.834	0.839	0.828	0.841	0.878	0.855	0.868	0.872	0.792	0.800	0.794	0.802	1.094	1.096	1.109	1.112
	CATN	0.875	0.872	0.873	0.876	0.915	0.906	0.892	0.919	0.824	0.831	0.826	0.837	1.141	1.144	1.129	1.149
	MMT	0.815	0.820	0.822	0.856	0.862	0.855	0.878	0.871	0.818	0.798	0.800	0.833	1.116	1.099	1.094	1.117
	SER	0.789	0.815	0.810	0.806	0.852	0.833	0.855	0.847	0.785	0.798	0.769	0.784	1.028	1.029	1.039	1.033

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nDCG@5(↑)

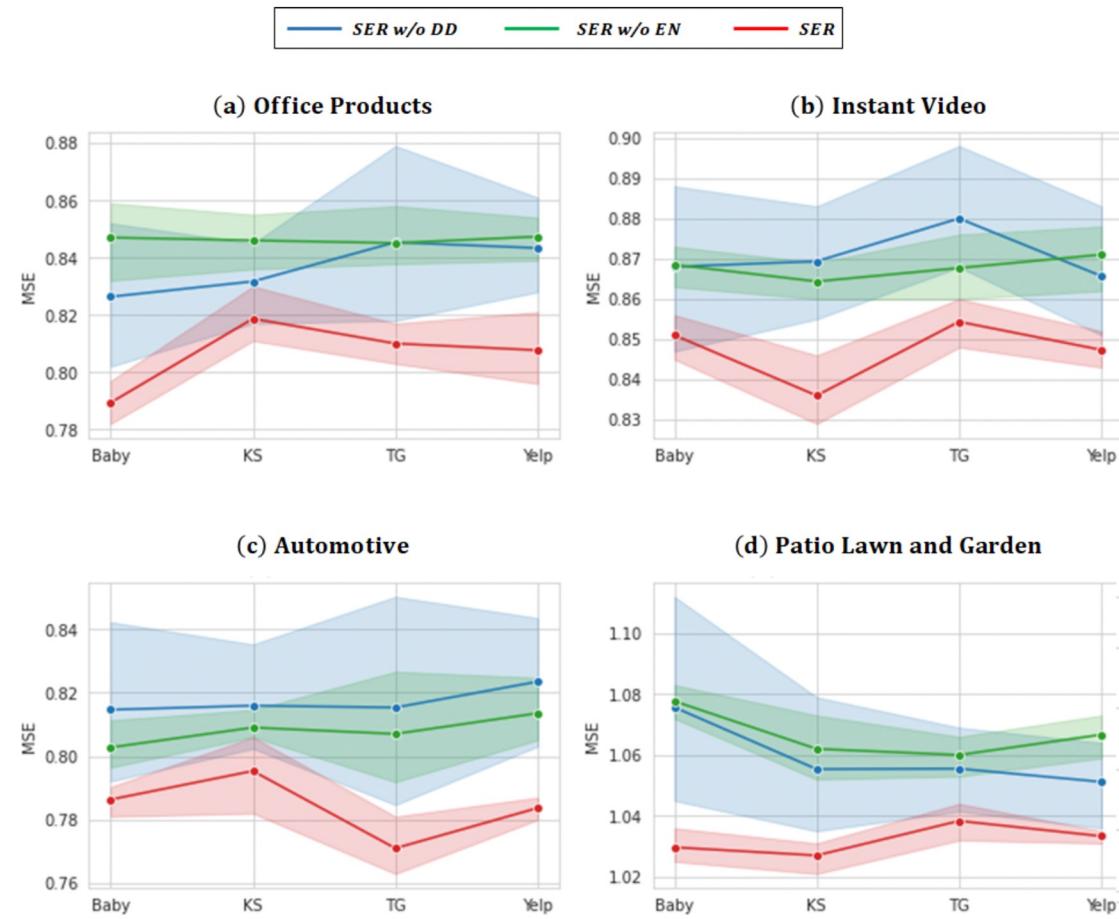
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Source domain	Baby	KS	TG	Yelp	Baby	KS	TG	Yelp	Baby	KS	TG	Yelp	Baby	KS	TG	Yelp	
Single-domain	PMF		0.737			0.759				0.764				0.770			
	NeuMF		0.756			0.788				0.781				0.776			
	DeepCoNN		0.856			0.840				0.816				0.842			
	NARRE		0.861			0.872				0.851				0.844			
	AHN		0.874			0.879				0.862				0.878			
Cross-domain	DANN	0.843	0.847	0.840	0.829	0.851	0.849	0.846	0.835	0.844	0.858	0.836	0.831	0.830	0.823	0.818	0.812
	DAREC	0.859	0.842	0.835	0.827	0.844	0.848	0.841	0.823	0.865	0.872	0.872	0.860	0.854	0.852	0.861	0.835
	DDTCDR	0.854	0.853	0.860	0.847	0.852	0.858	0.849	0.840	0.877	0.874	0.881	0.865	0.846	0.851	0.849	0.839
	RC-DFM	0.875	0.871	0.880	0.869	0.890	0.884	0.881	0.879	0.884	0.895	0.899	0.902	0.878	0.873	0.871	0.879
	CATN	0.869	0.865	0.871	0.842	0.873	0.857	0.860	0.873	0.866	0.863	0.872	0.875	0.864	0.861	0.858	0.854
	MMT	0.881	0.874	0.870	0.883	0.888	0.885	0.876	0.883	0.886	0.896	0.892	0.877	0.867	0.869	0.871	0.871
	SER	0.891	0.885	0.888	0.889	0.896	0.892	0.889	0.895	0.892	0.901	0.908	0.913	0.889	0.882	0.885	0.883

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## Evaluation: MSE(↓)

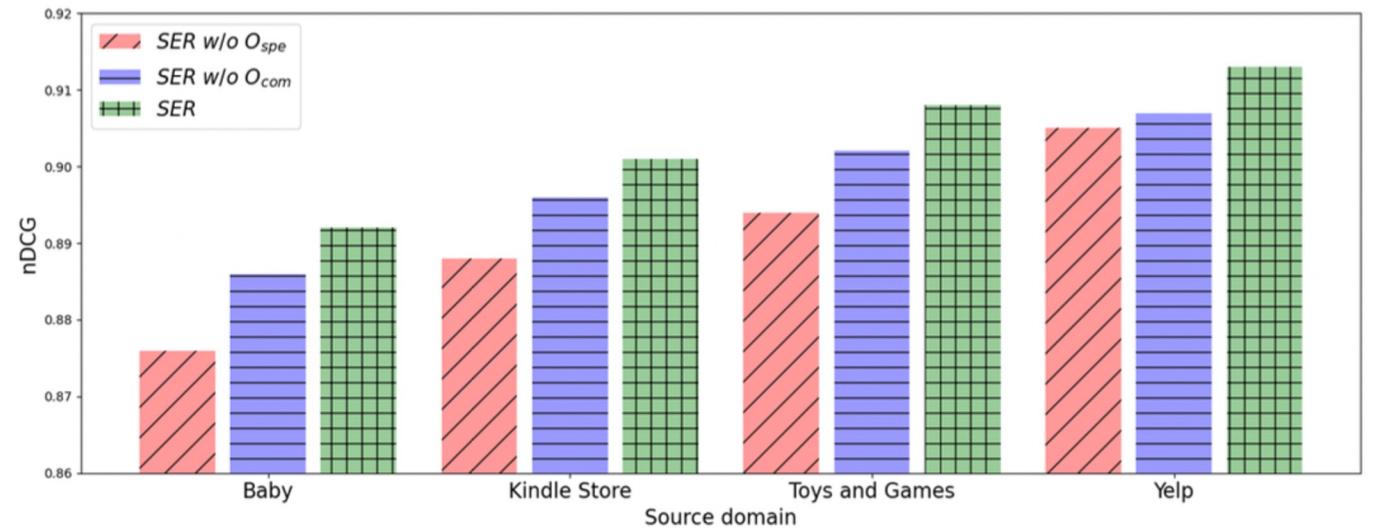
SER w/o DD: excluding domain discriminator

SER w/o EN : excluding encoding network



# Experiment

Evaluation: nDCG@5(↑)



(a) user reviews

Italicized: domain-common

Colorized: domain-specific

(b) item (id: B00002243X) reviews

Review 1. Comes with Battery Cables, Air Pressure Hose and Connections. ... I like it and its worth the money.

Review 2. This is a good quality battery that comes with a good protective cover, is leak proof, and when I tested the voltage ...

Review 1. I needed a jumper cables for my new car and these had good reviews and were at a good price ... I would recommend ...

Review 2. They are high quality. They worked well for me and I had no issues with poor connections. Cables are well made.

# Conclusion

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- Domain discriminator can effectively remove noises from a source domain.
- Both common and specific knowledge are significant in cross-domain recommendation.